

Tennessee State Parks

2009 Special Events

January - May



Step into Spring at a Tennessee State Park! From the cypress swamps at Meeman-Shelby to the rugged ridgetops of Roan Mountain – Tennessee State Parks have something for everyone. For a complete listing of recreational activities, lodging options and amenities visit our Web site.



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Cumberland Trail Sunday Nights 8:30 pm WDVX 89.9 fm

Join Bob Fulcher as he presents rare old-time bluegrass, gospel, rockabilly and more, 1926 to present day, from musicians who were born and raised along the Cumberland Trail. Web cast at www.WDVX.com.

For more information call: (423) 566-2229.

Tims Ford

Saturday Night Pickin's

Enjoy an evening of bluegrass, country and gospel music at Tims Ford State Park recreation building, from 6p.m. til 10p.m. CST. Bring your instrument and join in, or just sit back and relax.

For more information call: (931) 962-1183.

Davy Crockett Birthplace May - August Thursday Night Movies

Every other Thursday night beginning on May 28, family movies will be shown (G, PG & some PG-13) on a big screen at the campground shelter. Movies will begin at 8:00 pm. Movies are free of charge.

For more information call: (423) 257-2167.

January

Reelfoot Lake

January 2 through March Bald EagleTours

Van tours to observe Bald Eagles and Waterfowl will be conducted seven days a week from January 2nd through early March by state park personnel. All tours depart from Reelfoot Lake State Park Visitor Center.

For more information call: (731) 253-8003.

February

Frozen Head

February 14

Great Backyard Bird Count

Join the park ranger as we count the birds at the park's bird feeders and contribute to the knowledge of the nation's bird populations.

For more information call: (423) 346-3318.

Moustetail Landing State Park

February 21 Naturalist Tour

Join the state Naturalist for a guided tour of Moustetail Landing's scenic trails. Hardwood forests, cedar glades and spectacular views await.

For more information call: (731) 847-0841.

Fort Loudoun

February 21 & 22

Garrison Weekend

Join us for a weekend of educational fun as history comes alive during Garrison Weekend. Visitors can interact with living historians as they demonstrate a variety of skills and tasks common to a frontier fortification such as cooking, laundering, blacksmithing, musket firing demonstrations and observe soldiers firing the forts cannons. Be sure to see the 18th century infirmary and Cherokee encampment.

For more information call: (423) 884-6217.



Consider joining a Friends Group or volunteering at a Tennessee State Park. A wealth of opportunities awaits – from campground and golf hosts to trail work – native garden plantings to exotic plant pulls. To learn more about volunteer programs visit our Web site or call a park near you.



March

Fall Creek Falls March 7 Fall Creek Thaw 15K

Enjoy this unique opportunity to visit our beautiful State Parks and participate in the final race of The Running Tour. Now in it's 30th year, the tour will keep you in top shape for the rest of the year.

For more information: Bob & Aggie Alt Realt@charter.net (931) 455-3986

T.O. Fuller March 14 Kite Flying Contest

Join us as we host our first kite flying contest. Prizes will be awarded for highest flying and best put together kite in age groups 5-12 and 13 +. Registration begins at 1pm and the contest starts at 2p.m. CST.

For more information call: (901) 543-7581.

Edgar Evins March 21 6th Annual Waterfall Tour

Sponsored by Friends of Edgar Evins, this annual waterfall tour is a favorite among young and old. Be sure to bring a camera to capture the magic. There is a small fee and reservations are required.

For more information call: (931) 858-2446.

Norris Dam March 28 & April 4 Annual Spring Wildflower Hikes

Each year nature presents a beautiful display of spring wildflowers. Join us as we celebrate the arrival of spring with guided hikes at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. EST along trails of the state park and TVA reservation that will acquaint participants with the identification, natural history and folklore of the spring wildflowers. No admission or registration required.

For more information call: (865) 426-7461.

April

Fall Creek Falls April 4 & 5 Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage

Explore the diverse flora of Fall Creek Falls with guided hikes during the Pilgrimage. Hikers venturing out on their own can opt for short or long walks around the lake and to and from the base of Fall Creek Falls.

For more information call: (423) 881-5708

T.O. Fuller April 11 Easter Egg Hunt

Come join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Open for ages 3-13. Parents must be present, but are not allowed to touch any eggs. Plastic filled eggs all have candy inside and there will be bigger prizes given away for special finds.

For more information call: (901) 543-7581.

Big Ridge April 11 11th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

12,000 eggs, each with a prize or candy, will be divided up between four separate age groups! Some eggs will have extra prizes, with a grand prize in each group. Different groups run at different times, so be sure to call ahead for your age groups. Win bicycle, tricycles, wagons, and toys! Bring the whole family and spend the day at the park!

For more information call: (865) 992-5523.



Tennessee State
Parks are popular places for meetings, banquets, conventions, family reunions and retreats. State parks have facilities capable of hosting groups from as few as 12 people to 1,200. With seven Resort Inns and more than 350 cabins state parks can accommodate all sizes of budgets and groups.



Edgar Evins April 11 The Spring Fling

Mark your calendar now! April is the time when the early wildflowers and birds appear in all their glory at Edgar Evins. Sponsored by the Friends of Edgar Evins and the Tennessee Trails Association the day will be filled with hikes, birding, wildflower and butterfly walks, campfires, story telling and entertainment of various sorts.

For more information call: (931) 858-2446 or (800) 250-8619.

Frozen Head April 11, 12 & 18, 19 Wildflower Pilgrimage

Come to Frozen Head State Park to enjoy the wildflowers in Cumberland Mountains. The 41st annual Frozen Head Wildflower Pilgrimage will take place on April 11 & 12 and 18 & 19. Park rangers and special guests will lead a variety of walks to discover and identify the wildflowers that carpet the forests of Frozen Head. Additional walks will focus on birds and other natural topics. Saturday wildflower hikes at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Sunday walks at 2:00p.m. EST.

For more information call: (423) 346-3318.

Standing Stone April 16 & 17 6th Annual Naturalists Rally

Join us, rain or shine, for two days of fun and learning about the natural and cultural beauties of Standing Stone State Park. There is something for everyone with workshops and hikes on a wide range of topics from snake interpretation to wildflower folklore.

For more information call: (931) 823-6347.

Warriors' Path April 17 - 19 Spring Nature Festival

Experience the delights of spring nature discovery in the great Tennessee outdoors. Participate in seminars taught by professionals, and hikes guided by trained naturalists. Topics include: spring wildflowers, tracking, astronomy, stream life, local geology, spring trees, and more!

For more information: (423) 239-8531.

Tims Ford April 18 April Friends Festival

Come and learn more about Tennessee's Flora, and Fauna, as the Tims Ford Environmental Education Association celebrates Earth Day at Tims Ford State Park Recreation Building from 1p.m. till 5p.m. EST.

For more information call: (931) 962-1183.

Fort Pillow April 18 & 19 145th Anniversary Reenactment

This event will give the public a chance to see what life was like for soldiers during the Civil War. There will be various living history programs and visitors will be able to tour both Union and Confederate encampments. Vendors will be available to provide food and souvenirs. A reenactment skirmish will take place both Saturday and Sunday.

For more information call: (731) 738-5581.

Fall Creek Falls April 24 & 25 Tennessee Spring Star Party

Join amateur and professional astronomers for a weekend of star gazing. Over 75 telescopes will be set up to view the celestial night.

For more information call: (423) 881-5708.



Celebrate Mother's Day at a Tennessee State Park near you. Eight parks will be serving up a special mothers day feast:

Cumberland Mountain
(931) 484-7186

David Crockett
(931) 762-9541

Fall Creek Falls
(423) 881-5241

Henry Horton
(931) 364-2222

Montgomery Bell
(615) 797-3101

Natchez Trace
(731) 968-8176

Paris Landing
(731) 642-4311

Pickwick Landing
(731) 689-3135



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May

Cedars of Lebanon May 1 & 2 Elsie Quarterman Glade Festival

Join some of the finest ecologists, botanists and naturalists in the country for a weekend of workshops, lectures, hikes and field trips. Discover what makes these fragile habitats globally unique and see the spring glades come to life with wildflowers.

For more information call: (615) 443-2769.

Roan Mountain May 1 - 3 51st Annual Spring Nature Rally

Join area naturalists for a weekend of hikes, workshops and fun. This rally provides an opportunity to explore the area with knowledgeable local naturalists.

For more information call: (423) 772-0190.

Old Stone Fort May 1 - 3 Knap-In

Join us for demonstrations of Native American and international knapping techniques. There will also be demonstrations of aboriginal technologies including an atlatl competition.

For more information call: (931) 723-5073.

Fall Creek Falls May 2 & 3 Lady Slipper Weekend

Explore the world of native orchids. Join naturalists on a variety of hikes searching for the elusive pink Lady Slippers.

For more information call: (423) 881-5708.

Davy Crockett Birthplace May 2 & 3 Appalachian Craft Fair

This event showcases local artisans and their handmade more traditional Appalachian style crafts, traditional flowers and herbs and local organic farmers. Ole time music will play throughout the day and local food vendors will be on hand.

For more information call: (423) 257-2167.

Frozen Head May 9 International Migratory Bird Day

Join us at Frozen Head State Park to discover the birds of Frozen Head as they return from their wintering grounds. The following programs are planned: 8:00 a.m. Bird Identification Walk, 11:00 a.m. Cerulean Warbler: A Bird in Peril, 9:00 p.m. Birds in Culture Campfire. Times are EST.

For more information call: (423) 346-3318.

Davy Crockett Birthplace May 10 Flowers for Mom

Join us at the Campground Pavilion at 11:00 a.m. CST to plant native wildflowers in honor of our mothers. Plants and tools will be provided. Dress in your gardening clothes and prepare for inclement weather.

For more information call: (423) 257-2167.

Sycamore Shoals May 15 & 16 15th Annual Siege at Fort Watauga

It's 1776 and the Colonies are in the throes of Revolution and the frontier is in a state of chaos. Militant Cherokee are being armed by the British and threaten to attack the settlements. Come see how settlers of the Watauga Valley defend their lives, families, hearth, and home at the "Siege."

For more information call: (423) 543-5808.

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Be sure to type in the message body: "Subscribe TSPPROMOTIONS"

Questions?

Call 1-888-TN-PARKS
ask.tnstateparks@state.tn.us
www.tnstateparks.com

Frozen Head

May 23

Echo in the Mountains

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy bluegrass music in the beautiful Cumberland Mountains. Food vendors will be on site.

For more information call: (423) 346-3318.

Cordell Hull Birthplace

May 23

Memorial Day Celebration

Celebrate Memorial Day in Tennessee Upper Cumberland style! Come by the park for day-long events including a community seed swap, guided hike to Bunkum Cave entrance, Cordell Hull presentation and a living history demonstration in the birthplace cabin.

For more information call: (931) 864-3247.

Davy Crockett Birthplace

May 23 & 24

Memorial Day Weekend

Come out and enjoy our summer kick-off season down at our Campground Pavilion. Saturday night we begin with a bluegrass musical guest from 7-9 pm. Sunday fun and games for kids Starting at 1:00 pm.

For more information call: (423) 257-2167.

Old Stone Fort

May 23 & 24

Archaeoskills Weekend

Join us for a weekend learning what Old Stone Fort was like 2000 years ago. The 50-acre hilltop enclosure mound site is believed to have served as a central ceremonial gathering place for some 500 years.

For more information call: (931) 723-5073.

Tennessee State Park Inns

Inn at Fall Creek Falls State Park

This paradise of more than 20,000 acres on the Cumberland Plateau is one of the most scenic, spectacular outdoor recreation resort areas in America. The 145-room inn offers panoramic views of 345-acre Fall Creek Falls Lake and makes a great base for folks hiking out to the park's 256-foot high namesake.

Inn at Henry Horton State Park

Located along on the shores of the Duck River just 75 miles south of Nashville, Henry Horton is known among sportsmen for its award-winning trap and skeet range and golf course. Vacationing families from across middle Tennessee also enjoy Henry Horton's convenient 65-room inn, Olympic-sized pool, diverse amenities and renowned picnic sites.

Inn at Montgomery Bell State Park

Just 40 minutes west of Nashville - families will enjoy the park's three lakes for fishing while canoes and paddle boats are available for rent. Hiking is encouraged along 19 miles of trails at the park and mountain biking is a possibility on more than 20 miles of bike trails. All rooms and suites at the well-appointed 125-room inn have a private balcony and lake view.

Pin Oak Lodge at Natchez Trace State Park

Two hundred fifty miles of horse trails, a Wrangler Camp and four different lakes make Natchez Trace an active outdoor destination just 35 minutes east of Jackson. While horseback riding and pony rides for the very young create a main attraction, picturesque Pin Oak Lodge offers modern amenities to accompany the rustic woodlands that surround the park.

Inn at Paris Landing State Park

Paris Landing is the perfect location for families wanting to enjoy a complete range of water sports along Kentucky Lake. After getting off the lake, you can hike, camp or watch wildlife along the shoreline. Relax in style at the 130-room modern inn featuring balconies with a commanding view of Kentucky Lake.

Inn at Pickwick Landing State Park

Pickwick Landing offers excellent fishing, boating, swimming and marina on Pickwick Lake. This popular 119-room, three-diamond inn features memorable views and convenient access to the lake.

